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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair tonight and Saturday. Normal temperature. Fresh and strong westerly winds on the coast.

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COMMISSION RACE DRAWS A NEW ENTRY

L. W. Weeks, School Board Member, throws Hat into the Ring

TIME FOR FILING ENDS LATE TODAY

Three Petitions Already in Recorder's Hands—Other Will Be Filed This Afternoon.

Nominations for the election of three city commissioners appear about to close with four candidates in the race.

Petitions for L. W. Weeks were taken out at 5 o'clock this evening and put into rapid circulation by his friends.

More than the 100 signatures appear on the petitions filed with J. E. Stearns, city recorder, Thursday afternoon.

The time for filing—3 days before election—ends tonight. No other petitions have been taken out, nor have inquiries been made by any but the committee working in behalf of Holl, Day, Colburn and Weeks.

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DUCK HUNTERS RETURN WITH NO LIMIT BAGS

Although La Grande hunters started war on ducks this morning at the break of day, and war is what it sounded like, they were happening to be in the valley at that time of the morning—no one had returned home with the limit number of birds which is 25.

Tracy Hollister, Rolfe Van Hilder and Perry Caldwell were among those successful in killing a few birds. Hollister returned with four ducks, Van Hilder, one and Caldwell three.

Many of the duck hunters had not returned home at noon. Some of those who were out by William and Herman Seigrist, Joe Carr, James McKee, Dr. W. T. Phy, W. E. Clark, Claude Buckley, A. J. Stodger, Chas. Holshausen, Earl Stoddard, William Wilson, Park Taylor and C. Wiley.

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Just 22 years from the time that he won the amateur golf championship of the United States, and to demonstrate that youth not always is served.

A. Chandler Egan, Medford, Ore., won the Del Monte, tournament and amateur championship in California.

CIRCUIT COURT TO OPEN MONDAY

Reynolds' Damage Case Against City Scheduled for Trial Oct. 5

On affidavits filed against Judge J. W. Knowles in the four cases involving C. H. Finn, of Portland, a former La Grande attorney, Judge C. H. McCallister has been summoned to preside during the first week or more of the October term of circuit court, which opens Monday morning.

Finn's cases all grow out of his apple dealings in La Grande. In three of them, scheduled for Wednesday, the orchardist appears as plaintiff against August Erickson. In the fourth he is sued by the Bowman-Hicks company, whose case is set for trial a week from Monday.

Finn to Be Own Attorney. Finn acts as his own attorney throughout the litigation. His associates in the Erickson warehouse cases are Green & Hess, with B. E. Dixon defending Erickson against him. In the Bowman-Hicks case, Dixon is co-counsel with Finn. Ringo & Wright will represent the lumbermen.

A damage suit against the Union Bridge company, of Portland, for injuries Chester G. McArthur is alleged to have suffered when his car went into the ditch during the moving of a truck by the bridge company's workmen near Perry a couple of years ago is listed for trial Monday.

Reynolds Suit Tuesday. Chief clerk, however, centers on the \$22,285 damage suit that Lee Reynolds is waging against the city Tuesday. While but one day is allowed for its trial on the court calendar, the case is generally expected to overflow into Wednesday, and may last even longer.

The plaintiff will be represented by Green & Hess. Ringo & Wright will be counsel for the city.

County Prisoners Working on Roads

From five to six county prisoners have worked for the last week on the construction of the back canyon market road, Judge U. G. Couch said today. They are brought back each night to the jail and called for each morning by one of the county trucks. Shortly they may be transferred to the inland city road, where they will be set to work clearing up obstructions that hold the snow.

For the most part, the chance to work is welcomed by the prisoners, the judge said. There are no perpetrators of major crimes in the group.

Chavez Case Held Over Until Monday

The case of Jose Chavez, 16-year-old Mexican boy brought here from Los Angeles the first of the week by Deputy Sheriff H. A. Klinghammer, in connection with the robbery of the Pease jewelry store nearly three months ago, has been continued until Monday, when Carl E. Helm, district attorney, is expected here from Portland.

Chavez was arraigned yesterday afternoon before Judge U. G. Couch, of the juvenile court, to whom he was bound over from justice court Tuesday.

GAS SELLING HERE AT 23c PER GALLON

Cut in Prices Is Result of "War" Started Two Weeks Ago

FOUR-CENT SLASH GENERAL IN STATE

Big Companies Join Hands in Attack on "Bootleg Competition" Along the Coast.

To conform with the reduction in the price of gasoline over the state La Grande oil companies and dealers in gas cut the price four cents this morning, making it now 23 cents a gallon.

The new price on high test gasoline has not yet been given.

"WAR" AIDS GAS BUYERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1 (AP)—The Pacific coast today was enjoying the benefits of a gasoline "price war" which started two weeks ago when the Union Oil company announced a reduction of three cents a gallon to meet the competition of "bootleg" competitors selling through independent dealers.

Declaring that their move was made necessary to match "the competitive condition" created by the Richfield Oil company's general three-cent reduction last week, five large companies—the Standard, Shell, Union, Associated and General Petroleum—late yesterday ordered a coast wide cut of four cents in the price of the motor fuel.

Gasoline was on sale here today at 18 cents. Other points quoted the following prices: Bakerfield 17; Seattle and Tacoma 18; Spokane 22; Portland 18 including tax. The General Petroleum company.

Cove Calf Club Finishes a Year Of Achievement

COVE, Oct. 1 (Special)—The Cove Registered Calf Club, with R. H. Daniel as leader, finished a very successful year recently, being the only cove club to finish with 100 per cent membership. One of its members, Almon Gels, was chosen to attend the state fair at Salem.

Much of the credit for the success of the club goes to the leader, R. H. Daniel, and to the president, Miss Carmen Daniel, who has given much of her time to the selection and care of the calves and instruction in the club work.

The club has made a creditable showing on many occasions during the year. At the Union Livestock show Miss Daniel took the grand championship and showman's ship prizes on all club calves. At the Union county fair it was the only club with all of its members present. Miss Daniel again carried off first prize with her Jersey calf and first in the junior calf division, with Almon Gels winning second. Troy Becker won first in the senior calf division with John Comstock, second, Jane Daniel, third, and Frances Comstock, fourth, Harold Comstock was first in the two year old bull class. The club is planning for a better showing next year.

Moonlight and Sea Spray—Poetry

Guess Again! Ask Milady, She Knows

By HAZEL SCOTT. With what sprightly adaptability the history manufacturer achieved temperance when fashion made a walking gallery of his customers.

Stockings, a score of years ago, were stockings; nothing more. Like the "colombus-skirted lady" in the advertisements, "you remember more gratifying than the novel?"

Sometimes his soaring sentiments are forced down by the materialistic draft of the times, but there is imagination still in his direct resort to boulevard, zinc, blue fox, oak buff, grain, almond and maple cream.

How honestly then must the makers have tagged products "born to blush unseen" and examined them with a utilitarian eye!

The Host of Today How different now when utility is the last virtue a thoughtful history need profess!

Shoorest professor, fine-etched to fairly-invisibility, silk from the tippe; not the smooth-drawn line. No wonder the manufacturer is today exploring chemical formulas for names to fill

Moonlight and sea spray, he has achieved; canvas, crystal, atmosphere and dawn. In subtler mood, he named them shadow and illusion.

Then boldly he stamps one sentiment, another skin (presumably that "you love to touch").

World's Series Opens in Yankee Field Saturday

Betting Now Ranging From 6 to 5 on New York to Even Money

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (AP)—Baseball's big spectacle, the 1926 world's series dominated the sports world today with the St. Louis Nationals of the threshold of their first championship struggle, opposed by the New York Yankees.

The series opens at 1:30 p. m. in eastern standard time tomorrow at the Yankee Stadium, (11:30 a. m. Pacific coast time).

Speculation as to the outcome appears to be about evenly divided. Supporters of the Yankees gained comfort in the fact that their favorites will have the advantage in experience as they are now entering upon their fourth world's series. But they have been crowned world champions only once.

Cards Rely on Fight Backers of the Cardinals cloak their beliefs of a world title for St. Louis about the fighting spirit of the players which carried them to the pinnacle in the National league after an uphill battle.

Contrast of the final games of the season between the clubs also taken into consideration in comparison of the teams. Shortly after mid-season, the New Yorkers had run up an 11 game advantage over their closest competitors but a slump at the close of the schedule led the lead at times to a margin of only one and one-half games.

On the other hand the Cardinals.

CIVILIANS DYING IN WUCHANG CITY

Hundreds Perish as Cantonese Forces Maintain Blockade

HANKOW, China, Oct. 1 (AP)—The civilian population of Wuchang, across the Yangtze river from here, is entirely without food and hundreds are reported to be perishing. Colder weather is increasing the suffering. There is no coal and no firewood and the meager remaining food supply is held entirely by the military. The condition is the result of the blockade to the city by the "red" Cantonese forces who have blockaded it to force the surrender of the northern troops holding it.

Peace negotiations at Wuchang have been broken off entirely, but through the efforts of the chamber of commerce both the contending factions have agreed to permit removal of the women and children to Hankow.

The rumored advance toward Hankow of the armies of Sun Chuan-fang, overlord of the five eastern provinces who is now arrayed against the Cantonese apparently has not alarmed the latter who assert they have the Kiangsi situation well in hand.

Lewa Wilkes, M. D. Will Practice Here

Lewa Wilkes, M. D., a graduate of the University of Oregon medical school, who has been in La Grande for the past month getting acquainted with the community, has decided to locate here permanently.

She comes from a two years internship in the Children's hospital in San Francisco and specializes in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

Dr. Wilkes will be associated with Dr. Lee Bourry in his office in the New Foley building.

COL. WILLIAMS DROWNED IN FRISCO BAY

Ace of Marine Corps Accidentally Drives Car into Waters

TRAGEDY CLIMAX OF DINNER PARTY

Dead Man One Time in Public Eye as Result of Charges by Gen. Smedley Butler.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1 (AP)—Colonel Alexander S. Williams, United States marine corps, veteran of many conflicts and one of the most decorated officers of the service, was drowned early this morning when his automobile in which he was driving alone, plunged into San Francisco Bay at the foot of Townsend street.

The tragedy was the climax to a dinner and party with friends at the exclusive Bohemian club here and presumably occurred while he was driving home. The body was identified at the morgue by Mrs. Williams who is distraught with shock. She said the colonel left home about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon saying he was going to have dinner down town with some friends.

Mrs. Williams said her husband telephoned her about 2 o'clock last night that he was having a wonderful time and would be home until early in the morning. She attributed his death to accident. She said it was his custom when driving home late at night to go by way of the water front as it was not very familiar with the city's streets not having been here long. It is believed Colonel Williams lost control of his car in some way or that his vision became obscured by something. Other cars have plunged into the bay from the Embarcadero in a similar manner and recently Mrs. Hazel Selby, prominent locally, lost her life in the same way.

Was Accused by Butler Colonel Williams attracted public notice last April when he was convicted on a charge of "drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an officer" at the marine barracks at San Diego. The charge was brought against him by another officer of the marines, Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler. The charge resulted from a party which Colonel Williams gave in General Butler's honor at the Williams home and from accidents that occurred later at a hotel.

The trial at San Diego occasioned considerable acrimony. Some witnesses testified that they believed Colonel Williams was ill and not intoxicated, as alleged. General Butler maintained he violated no tradition as a guest in bringing the charges and that his charges were not based on what went on at the Williams home but on the colonel's conduct later at a hotel.

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SIDETRACK FOR LIME PLANT IS BEING RUSHED

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Oct. 1—Sixteen minutes after officers of the Black Marble and Lime company and W. H. Guild, superintendent of the W. R. railroad, had signed a contract for the construction of a sidetrack on the company's land, a crew of workmen were on the job, unloading material. It is believed this is a record for speed in starting a railroad job. The siding was finished Saturday. It is a temporary construction for unloading the lime kilns and machinery shipped ten days ago from Washington.

The eight cars of equipment have arrived from Sumas, Wash., three cars of machinery and five of special fire brick. The first kiln to be erected will be the largest, which is 12 1/2 feet in diameter outside, and 8 1/2 inside. Rock will be hauled from the quarry and the manufacture of lime resumed as soon as possible.

Eleven Killed When Stage Is Struck by Train

DIXON, Cal., Oct. 1 (AP)—Eleven of the 12 passengers on a northbound stage were killed today when the carrier was struck by the Overland Limited, creek train of the Southern Pacific, near Dixon.

The surviving passengers were reported dying.

Log Hotel Burns At Hiaway Springs

PENDLETON, Oct. 1 (AP)—The log hotel at Hiaway Springs, popular summer resort near here, was burned to the ground early Thursday morning by fire believed to be of incendiary origin. The building and furnishings are a total loss estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000, without any insurance. W. S. Scott, built the hotel 20 years ago and has operated it since.

Manual Fined \$500 In Justice Court

DIXON, T. Manual was fined \$500 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail when he pleaded guilty in Justice Hugh K. Brady's court yesterday afternoon to a charge of possession of wash. Unable to pay his fine, Manual went to jail with an outlook of about 20 days' residence there.

He was arrested near Starky by George M. Torres, state prohibition officer.

A. H. Williamson was fined \$50 and costs on a minor offense. On motion of the district attorney, the state's case against William Gruppe, arrested with Williamson, was dismissed.

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This is the only picture of Thelma Ray Coleman, wife of Ronald Coleman, the film star, unless you want to go to the Alps for one. She's suing him there pending her divorce action against Coleman whom she charges with leaving her penniless in Italy. He has filed a cross suit charging embezzlement.

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BURNING SHIP WITH CONVOY NEARS PORT

American Freighter New Britain Hopes to Reach Docks in Safety

HEAT IS INTENSE; PLATES BUCKLING

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